ETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year, 1938.

To the Chairman & Members of the Eton Rural District Council.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report on the Sanitary Circumstances & Administration and the Vital Statistics of your district for the year 1938.

I regret that in common with many other Public Health Depts. it has not been found possible to prepare this report earlier owing to the great additional burden of work placed upon myself and the staff of the Health Dept. in connection with Evacuation, Air Raid Precautions, Fuel Control, etc..

Owing to the late appearance of this report, it must be appreciated that it can serve only as a record for the year under review and that changes which have taken place since 1938 render out of date certain of the information contained herein.

Section A. Statistics & Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)	35,532
Population (Registrar General's Estimate, Mid Year 1938	32,220
Number of Inhabited Houses (Mid Year 1938)	9,676
Rateable Value	£348,277
Sum represented by a penny rate	£ 1322 15.4d.

Vital Statistics.

Live Births.

Total	488	Male 265	Female 223
Legitimate	458	" 214	" 214
Illegitimate	16	" 7	" 9

Birth rate per 1,000 population	15.1
National rate	15.1
County Rate	14.7

Still Births.

Total	11	Male 8	Female 3
Legitimate	11	" 8	" 3
Illegitimate	-	" -	" -

Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	0.34
National rate	0.60

Deaths.

Total	324	Male 173	Female 151

Death rate per 1,000 population	10.05
Death rate corrected for Age and Sex distribution	9.7
National rate	11.6
County rate	10.0

Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth
(a) From sepsis..... 0
(b) From Other Causes.... 2

Death rates from Puerperal Causes per 1,000 Total Births :—

(a) From Sepsis..... 0.0 National rate.....0.86
(b) From Other Causes.....4.09 " " 2.11
(c) Total.....4.09 " " 2.97

Deaths of Infants under One year of age.

Total.....15	Male	11	Female	4
Legitimate.....13	"	10	"	3
Illegitimate.....2	"	1	"	1

Death rate of Infants under One year of age.

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births.....30.04
National rate.....53.0
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Births.....28.1
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Births.....125

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Male	Nil	Female	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	"	1	"	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2)	"	Nil	"	Nil

Causes of Death.	M.	F.
ALL CAUSES	173	151
1. Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	1	-
2. Measles	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	1	-
5. Diptheria	-	2
6. Influenza	3	-
7. Encephalitis lethargica	-	-
8. Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-
9. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	5	4
10. Other tuberculosis diseases.	1	1
11. Syphilis	-	-
12. General paralysis of the insane, tabes dorsalis	-	-
13. Cancer, malignant disease 1.8	29	31 1.6
14. Diabetes	4	2
15. Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	5	13
16. Heart disease	39	35
17. Aneurysm	1	-
18. Other circulatory diseases	10	11
19. Bronchitis	6	4
20. Pneumonia (all forms)	9	10
21. Other respiratory diseases.	2	1
22. Peptic ulcer.	5	-
23. Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	-	-
24. Appendicitis	-	-
25. Cirrhosis of liver	1	-
26. Other diseases of liver, etc.	-	-
27. Other digestive diseases	6	3
28. Acute and chronic nephritis	5	3
29. Puerperal sepsis	-	-
30. Other puerperal causes	-	2
31. Congenital debility, premature birth, malformations, etc.	2	2
32. Senility	1	-
33. Suicide	3	2
34. Other violence	17	7
35. Other defined diseases.	17	18
36. Causes ill-defined or unknown.	-	-

Section B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority.

(a) MEDICAL.

Medical Officer of Health.

V.A.T. Spong, M.B., B.S., Lond., D.P.H.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.

Also Medical Officer of Health for Slough and Eton Urban Districts; Assistant County Medical Officer Bucks County Council, Medical Superintendent Eton Joint Isolation Hospital. Whole Time.

F.M. Day, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., D.P.H., D.T.M., Assistant County Medical Officer Bucks County Council, who deputises for the Medical Officer of Health during his absence on annual leave, and on alternate week-ends and evenings of alternate weeks. In return for these services, the Medical Officer of Health acts as Assistant County Medical Officer for School and Maternity and Child Welfare Work in Slough.

(b) Sanitary Inspectors.

A.W.G. Corner, C.R.S.I., C.M.I.
F.J. Miles, C.R.S.I., C.M.I.
A.H.V. Marsden, C.R.S.I., C.M.I.

(c) Clerks.

F.W. Stutt.
H.W. Fry.

(11) Nursing in the Home. For particulars, see Report of 1936.

(111) Laboratory Facilities. All Laboratory Work is carried out by the Clinical Research Association, of which the Council is a Member. During the year the following specimens were examined :—

	Negative.	Positive.	Total.
(a) For the presence of Diptheria	151	17	168
(b) For the presence of T.B. in Sputum	20	8	28
(c) Haemolytic Streptococci in Throat	9	3	12
(d) Faeces - for food poisoning	3	0	3
(e) Blood for Widal	2	0	2
(f) For Vincents Angina	0	2	2
(g) Virulence Tests for Diptheria Bacilli	0	3	3

(IV) Hospital Services. For particulars, see Report for 1936.

(V) Ambulance Facilities. " " " ", 1937.

(VI) Clinics & Treatment Centres. " " " " 1937.

Section C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. (1) WATER SUPPLY.

Full particulars are given in my report of 1937 of the 4 Undertakings which provide Main Water Supplies throughout the greater part of the district.

Samples show these to be pure and wholesome and of a high degree of bacterial purity.

Wraysbury Supply.

During the year, the well supplies at Wraysbury came under further review :--

13 samples taken from various parts of Wraysbury showed the waters to be satisfactory bacteriologically. In many there was an excessively high iron content and two samples had to be regarded (from the chemical aspect) with some suspicion.

A questionnaire sent to all residents in the area (615 in all) revealed that 139 were willing to connect to the main supply if this were provided, 117 were unwilling, 38 gave conditional consent, while 321 failed to reply.

The cost of main extension in the area amounts to £9,586 - the total rate received from those willing to go on the main supply would be £234, leaving some £724 to be guaranteed by the Council if the mains were extended.

Owing to the comparatively low number of residents willing to connect to the main supply, the matter of the main extension was deferred.

Horton Supply (Bell's Lane).

Samples of water taken from properties in Horton (Bell's Lane and Mill Lane) were found to be polluted and unfit for drinking. In consequence, the mains were extended and the properties connected to the main supply.

Main Extensions during the year were as follows :--

Burnham 360 yds.; Denham 629 yds.; Farnham 875 yds.; Datchet 889 yds.; Fulmer 292 yds.; Gerrards Cross 3,660 yds.; Hedgerley 1,258 yds.; Horton 343 yds.; Iver 4,435 yds.; Stoke Poges 566 yds.; Wexham 444 yds. and Wraysbury 85 yds..

Burnham Supply and Disposal of Cesspool Contents.

In the early part of the year consideration was given to the disposal of Cesspool contents from the parishes of Burnham and Taplow on Poyle Farm, Burnham - which lies about one mile to the north of the Burnham Waterworks. In view of the nature of the subsoil which consists of chalk with surface fissures and the direction of flow of the underground water from north to south, it was decided to discontinue tipping the exhauster contents on the Poyle Farm and instead to dispose of it on the Barge Farm, Taplow, which lies well to the south of the Waterworks.

1. (11) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE AND PUBLIC CLEANSING.

No changes have been made in the scavenging arrangements during the year, which are fully described in earlier reports.

The incinerator at Horton Mills, referred to in my report for 1937 was completed, and brought into use in the early part of the year.

Chlorination of Exhauster Contents.

In order to overcome the nuisance from smell in the filling of cesspool contents into the exhauster, experiments were carried out in the use of chlorine as a deodoriser.

It was found that 33 parts per million were sufficient to effect this and the cost of the treatment was 3d. per load. Furthermore, the Coli count was reduced from 1¾ million to 35,000.

In view of the above, two of the emptiers employed in the Burnham and Taplow district were fitted with 20 gallon ebonite tanks and chlorine added to the exhauster in the form of a solution of Sodium Hypochlorite to the extent of 33 parts per million.

By this simple and comparatively cheap process a great deal of the obnoxious effluvium associated with the filling and emptying of cesspools into and from the Exhauster has been overcome. Furthermore, by increasing the concentration of chlorine, the contents could be sterilised if it became necessary to deal with a cesspool in the case of Typhoid Fever or other similar water-borne disease.

Extension of Sewers have been completed in Gerrards Cross - 1,370 yds. by the Council and 427 yds. privately.

1. (111) SWIMMING POOLS.

There is one privately owned Swimming Pool in the district, situated at Burnham Beeches. It is equipped with a continuous filtration and chlorinating plant.

The following is the report of the Counties Public Health Laboratories on the Bacteriological Examination of a sample of water taken from the Pool near the Outlet on 28th July, 1938.

"This sample is clear and bright and of the highest standard of bacterial purity in which respects the water is considered suitable and safe for Swimming Bath purposes."

1. (IV). ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

Number of houses found to be infected.

	Infested.	Disinfested.
(a) Council Houses.	7	7
(b) Other Houses	71	71

Of the 71 'other houses', 42 were in Clearance Areas, disinfestation being carried out prior to the removal of the tenants to the new Council Houses.

The method of disinfestation in all cases was carried out by the Council by direct labour and consisted of the thorough spraying with liquid "Zaldecide" of the rooms, furniture, bedding, etc.. Severe infestation of bedding and household effects was for the most part, overcome by the tenants agreeing to its destruction by burning.

In all cases where tenants of houses where disinfestation

had been carried out, have removed to Council Houses, frequent routine inspections have been carried out, but in no instance, was reinfestation found.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

(a) Summary of Inspections and Visits.

General Sanitation.

Water Supply	80
Drainage	298
Stables and Piggeries	30
Fried Fish Shops	-
Tents, Vans and Sheds	130
Factories	4
Workshops	8
Workplaces	5
Bakehouses	8
Public Conveniences	-
Refuse Collection	130
Refuse Disposal	61
Wet Scavenging	150
Smoke Observations	-
Schools	8
Shops	53
Miscellaneous Santy. Visits	84

Under Public Health Acts.

No. of houses inspected	159
Visits paid to above houses	270

Under Housing Acts.

No. of houses inspected	8
Visits paid to above houses	33

Overcrowding.

No. of houses inspected	30
Visits paid	30

Verminous Premises

No. of houses inspected	77
Visits paid	90

Miscellaneous Housing Visits	96

Infectious Disease.

Inquiries in cases of I.D.	81
Visits re disinfection	72
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	18

Meat and Food Inspection.

Visits to Slaughterhouses	390
" " Butchers	150
" " Fishmongers	3
" " Grocers	20
" " Greengrocers and Fruiterers	4
" " Cowsheds	103
" " Dairies and Milkshops	120
" " Ice Cream Premises	-
" " Restaurants	5
" " Street Vendors and Hawkers Carts.	2

Visits in connection with Sampling Milk.

Bacteriological	10
Miscellaneous Food Visits	3

(b) Number of Notices served.

Statutory notices :

Housing Act, 1930	4
Public Health Acts	4
Informal Notices	273
Letters	410
Certificates (Permitted No. of persons) Housing Acts, 1935-36	33
Notices to Quit (Sec. 155, Housing Act, 1936)	26

(c) Summary of Nuisances and Defects, etc. dealt with :—

Walls repaired (rendering, pointing, etc.)	78
" reconstructed	-
" provided with damp proof course, plinth, etc..	120
Walls and ceilings repaired	270
Walls and ceilings cleansed	290
Defective, obstructive, outbuildings demolished	4
Roofs repaired	70
" renewed	7
Roof gutters and downpipes repaired or renewed	138
Floors repaired	50
" provided or renewed	28
" ventilation provided	13
Windows repaired	87
" renewed	13
" enlarged or additional area provided	27
Ventilation - alternative ventilation provided	15
Staircases repaired / renewed	17
" lighting provided	25
" handrails "	29
Food Stores provided	12
Washing accommodation provided	9
Fireplaces, coppers, repaired or renewed	50
Yard paving and drainage provided	21
" " " " repaired	12
Doors repaired or renewed	18
Ashpits or dustbins provided	50
Closets repaired or reconstructed	31
Water closets - flushing apparatus provided or repaired	18
Cesspools and drainage provided	5
Drains and cesspools repaired	21
Cesspools and drains cleansed	56
Drainage systems reconstructed or provided	39
Sinks provided	15
" repaired or renewed	9
Water supply provided	12
Offensive accumulations removed or covered	5
Chimney stacks repaired or rebuilt	21
Food premises cleansed	3
Nuisances from animals abated	1

HOUSING.

During 1938, Council Rehousing Schemes were completed in the following Parishes, and the table indicates the number of houses constructed on each site and the number of persons occupying the new houses.

Iver.

Thorney Lane. 60 houses 258 persons.
(35 houses were used for the rehousing of persons displaced from Clearance Areas; 6 houses for rehousing persons from Individually unfit houses (Sec. 11. 1936 Act); 6 for the abatement of statutory overcrowding and the remaining 13 houses were allocated to Council house applicants).

Wexham. George Green.

(Withycroft) 26 houses 93 persons
13 houses.....Clearance Areas, 7 houses.....Sec.11, 1936 Act.
2 houses.....Overcrowding, 4 houses.....Applicants.

Hedgerley.

2 sites, Hill View and Long Field. 18 houses 72 persons.
10 houses.....Clearance Areas, 4 houses.....Sec.11, 1936 Act.
1 house.....Overcrowding; remaining 3 houses....Applicants.

Burnham (Littleworth Common).

Horseshoe Hill. 4 houses 17 persons.
3 houses.....Clearance Areas, 1 house.....Overcrowding.

Farnham Royal.

Bishops Orchard 6 houses 17 persons.
(All 6 houses.....Clearance Areas.....)

No Clearance Orders were made during the year, but 23 dwelling houses were the subject of action under Sec. 11 of the Housing Act, 1936. In all cases where tenants were in occupation, rehousing was carried out by the Council.

In 1938 rehousing sites were acquired by the Council in the following Parishes :--

Burnham (Littleworth Common)	0.5 acres
Hedgerley (One Pin)	1.23 acres
(Village)	0.91 acres
Gerrards Cross	4.487 acres
Denham	8.9 acres

Housing Statistics.

Number of New Houses erected during the year :—

(a) By the Local Authority	88
(b) By private enterprise	550
Total	638

Section D.

1. Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	177
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	763
(2) (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	18
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	32
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	--
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	—

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	31

3. Other Informal Action.

Number of dwellinghouses demolished in anticipation of formal procedure under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936	--

4. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	4
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) By owners.....	4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	4
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	

(a) By owners..... 4
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners..... Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :--
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 10
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 2
(3) Number of dwellinghouses closed on Undertakings being given by owners 14

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :--
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding :--

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 20
(2) Number of families dwelling therein 21
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein 161

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 4

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 18
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases 149

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding Nil

(e) Number of cases of overcrowding in Council Houses relieved during the year and included in (c) (1) 3

(f) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved in the course of slum clearance operations Nil

Section E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply.

At the end of the year, there were 80 Producers, including 28 Producer Retailers and 39 Retail Purveyors, including the 28 Producer Retailers, on the register.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936, the following licences were issued :—

28 Dealers licences to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk, including Supplementary Licences.
1 Licence to bottle Tuberculin Tested Milk
2 Pasteuriser's Licences and 11 Dealers Licences for Pasteurised Milk.

10 Samples of Pasteurised Milk were submitted for analysis, all of which complied with the Order.

(b) Meat and Other Foods.

The following table shows the Carcases inspected and condemned.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	-	-	-	-	-
Number inspected	193	16	119	1337	1026
All diseases except Tuberculosis Whole carcases condemned	-	-	1	33	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	1	3	2	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	1.55	6.2	3.3	-	0.8
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	1	1	1	-	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	1	-	-	48
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	6.2	12.5	0.84	-	5.0

Section F.

Infectious Diseases.

There has been no undue prevalence of any of the infectious diseases during the year. In fact, the incidence of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria remains exceptionally low. For the year under review, the Diphtheria rate was 0.59 per 1,000 as compared with a National rate of 1.6, and for Scarlet Fever 1.24, the National rate being 2.5.

Of the 19 cases of Diphtheria, one occurred in June and two in July. The first case was a girl of 15 who worked in Gerrards Cross and resided in Denham. Two out of the five children who were home contacts, aged 7 and 4, contracted the disease, which in the younger child proved fatal.

Three cases occurred in August. Two were in Iver Heath - one being a baby aged one year and four months, the other a girl of 17 years who was a contact. The first case was a late one of severe faucial Diphtheria with marked toxaemia and proved fatal two days after admission to hospital. The third case during the month was in Burnham.

In September, four cases were notified in Farnham Royal, all of which were connected. Two of these cases occurred in one family.

During October, seven cases occurred in Denham, six of which were members of one household. The seventh, a schoolboy, was a contact of one of these cases at School.

In November, two further cases occurred in Denham, both of which were members of the same family. There appeared to be no connection between these and the October cases.

The 40 cases of Scarlet Fever occurred as follows :--

During the month of January, six cases were notified. Three occurred in Datchet and one each in Stoke Poges, Gerrards Cross and Iver. None of the Datchet cases appeared to be connected. Of the six cases, two were over school age and one under school age, and the remaining three attended different Council schools in the area. In February there were also six cases, two in Gerrards Cross which were not connected; one in Denham and three in Iver. Two of the Iver cases were members of the same family. Of the six cases, four attended private schools and two were adults. During March there were three cases in school children attending Council schools in the Parishes of Iver, Burnham and Stoke Poges.

Two cases occurred in April, in Datchet and Wraysbury; both attended private schools. During May there were also two cases - one in Iver, a scholar at a Council school in Slough, and one in Datchet, attending the Datchet Council school. In June there were five cases, one over school age in Fulmer and one under school age in Wraysbury. The remaining three occurred in Farnham and of these, two attended private schools and one an elementary school.

Two cases were notified in July; one in Farnham Royal who attended an Elementary school, and one in Iver who attended a private school in Slough. One case was notified in Burnham during August - a scholar at the Burnham C. of E. school. In September two cases occurred - one in Wraysbury and the other in Iver. Both were Elementary school children.

There was one case in October - an elementary school child in Burnham. Four cases were notified in November; one in

Stoke Poges under school age, two from Iver attending Secondary schools outside the area, and one from Datchet, an elementary school child. In December there were five cases, two of these were adults living in Wraysbury and Datchet, one a child aged two living in Horton. The remaining two cases were of school age and were from the parishes of Gerrards Cross and Datchet. The former attended a private school and the latter an elementary school.

The following Tables show the total notified cases during the past 9 years, the Monthly Incidence, Age Groups and incidence in the various Parishes.

TABLE 1

	Total Notified 1938	Admitted to Hosp.	Deaths.	1937	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929
Small Pox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	40	21	-	53	40	126*	52	48	76	116	61	75
Diphtheria	19	19	2	7	3	23	44	10	12	38	61	55
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	-
Puerperal Fever & Pyrexia	7	5	1	7	3	4	3	3	3	1	7	8
Pneumonia	13	-	2	14	6	7	13	13	6	-	-	-
Erysipelas	9	2	-	6	9	8	8	12	3	3	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Infantile Paralysis	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* 100 in Denham Outbreak.

TABLE 11.

Showing Monthly incidence of Notifiable Infectious Diseases.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Scarlet Fever	6	6	3	2	2	5	3	1	2	1	4	5
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	4	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever & Pyrexia	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	1	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	3
Erysipelas	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	1
Infantile Paralysis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE III.

Showing Cases notified in the Various Age Groups.

	TOTAL all ages.	NUMBER during age periods. 0-5	5-15	15-25	25-45	45-65	65 upwards.
Scarlet Fever	40	10	24	3	3	-	--
Diphtheria	19	7	9	1	2	-	--
Infantile Paralysis	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
Puerperal Fever & Pyrexia	7	-	-	3	4	-	--
Pneumonia	13	1	-	-	7	3	2
Erysipelas	9	1	1	2	2	1	2

TABLE IV.

Showing Cases of Infectious Diseases occurring in each District in the Area.

	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Puerperal	Total.
Burnham	3	1	2	3	-	9
Datchet	7	-	1	-	1	9
Denham	1	12	2	-	1	16
Dorney	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farnham	5	4	-	2	1	12
Fulmer	1	-	-	1	-	2
Gerrards Cross	4	-	2	1	-	7
Horton	1	-	-	-	-	1
Hedgerley	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iver	11	2	1	1	1	16
Stoke Poges	3	-	1	-	3	7
Taplow	-	-	3	1	-	4
Wexham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wraysbury	4	-	1	-	-	5
TOTAL	40	19	13	9	7	88

No primary vaccination or re-vaccination was performed under the Public Health (Small Pox Prevention) Regulations by the Medical Officer of Health.

Arrangements for Disinfection.

Steam disinfection of bedding, etc., after the ordinary cases of infectious diseases, such as Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever has been discontinued. Fumigation or Spraying of the room and contents is however, still done, and the householder is supplied with a printed slip giving directions for a thorough ventilation and cleansing of the house.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Table showing New Cases and Mortality during 1938.

NEW CASES.

Age Period	PRIMARY NOTIFICATIONS				FROM DEATH RETURNS				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0												
1												
5				1								
15			2									
25	1	4		1	1							
35	3	1	1	1	1				1	1		
45	2	1			1				2	1		1
55	1				1				1			
65	1									2		
Up-wards									1		1	
	8	6	3	3	4				5	4	1	1

Death rate from Tuberculosis per 1,000 - 0.22.

No action has been taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V.A.T. SPONG,

Medical Officer of Health.